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1. EMBOFF CONVEYED POINTS REF A TO BEAUCHATEAU, THE QUAI'S COORDINATOR CSCE AFFAIRS. BEAUCHATEAU SAID HE APPRECIATED INFO ELABORATING ON DISCUSSIONS THIS QUESTION IN NEW YORK AND BRUSSELS. IN PRINCIPLE QUAI SHARES U.S. FEELING THAT SOVIETS SHOULD NOT BE PERMITTED DEGRADE HELSINKI FORMULATIONS IN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISCONFIDENTIAL

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SION. QUAI WAS LESS CERTAIN, HOWEVER, AS TO MOST

DESIRABLE TACTICS, WHICH IN END WOULD HAVE TO BE COORDINATED ON THE SPOT. BEAUCHATEAU IS ALSO RESEARCHING PRECEDENTS FOR CITING SPECIFIC PARTS HELSINKI TEXT IN UN OR UN AGENCY RESOLUTIONS, AND SAID THAT HE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY REFERENCES DEPARTMENT MAY HAVE ON THIS POINT.

2. AFTER WHAT WAS ON WHOLE VERY CONSTRUCTIVE EXCHANGE BEAUCHATEAU SAID HE SHOULD ADD THAT QUAI WAS "NOT TOO HAPPY" WITH SIMULTANEOUS DISCUSSION THIS QUESTION IN UN AND NATO CONTEXTS.

GOF HAD AGREED TO

USE NATO FRAMEWORK ONLY FOR "EXCHANGE OF CSCE INFO", AND WAS NOT INTERESTED IN USING IT AS CSCE PLANNING CENTER WHICH GIVES ENTIRE SUBJECT EXCESSIVE BLOC-TO-BLOC FLAVOR. EMBOFF AGREED TO CONVEY AGAIN FRENCH VIEWS ON THIS POINT

- 3. WE ALSO WENT OVER THE SAME GROUND WITH QUAI UN DIRECTOR ST. LEGIER WHO EMPHASIZED THAT GOF WAS RAISING PRIMARILY PROCEDURAL PROBLEMS; IT BELIEVES THAT COORDINATION ON THIS MATTER SHOULD BE PROCEEDING AMONG UN HUMAN RIGHTS EXPERTS, RATHER THAN IN NATO, WHERE PARIS HAS TRADITIONALLY TRIED TO AVOID SUCH QUESTIONS. ST. LEGIER MADE IT CLEAR THAT GOF IS BASICALLY POSITIVE REGARDING THE PRINCIPLE AND EVEN THE TEXTS OF THE TWO DRAFT RESOLUTIONS IN REF A. HE HOPED THAT THEY COULD BE THE SUBJECT OF CLOSE COLLABORATION AMONG OUR RESPECTIVE DELEGATES EITHER IN NEW YORK, OR MORE PROBABLY, AT FORTHCOMING GENEVA SESSION OF UN HRC.
- 4. REQUESTED ACTION: IN SPITE OF PROCEDURAL COM-PLAINT PARA 2, WE EXPECT QUAI MAY WELL BE WILLING TO PLAY MODESTLY HELPFUL ROLE ON THIS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION ISSUE, WHICH IT RECOGNIZES TO BE IMPORTANT. REPLY TO BEAUCHATEAU'S QUESTION IN PARA 1 ABOVE BY NOON JANUARY 30, WHEN HE NEXT SEES EMBOFF, COULD CONFIDENTIAL

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THEREFORE BE HELPFUL AND WOULD BE APPRECIATED. GAMMON

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